

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Scott D. Cohen, et al.
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Title : IDENTIFYING ONE OR MORE OBJECTS WITHIN AN IMAGE

Art Unit : 2624
Examiner : Andrae Allison
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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

The undersigned representative received a telephone call from the Examiner on May 14, 2010, during which the Examiner indicated that, upon further review, it was unclear whether the Westman et al. reference disclosed the claimed features missing from the Takahashi patent. Mr. Valentino reiterated the arguments set forth in the response filed March 5, 2010 and in the interview conducted on March 8, 2010. In particular, Mr. Valentino noted that neither the Westman et al. reference nor the other cited references, alone or in combination, discloses or renders obvious identifying a substantially connected component that includes non-edge pixels and a plurality of substantially connected edge pixels being substantially connected to the selected edge pixel, wherein a number of non-edge pixels in the substantially connected component is based on a level of tolerance for non-edge pixels, as recited in pending claim 1.

Mr. Valentino was again contacted by the Examiner on May 17, 2010, in which the Examiner indicated that, upon further consideration, the claims were in condition for allowance. The Examiner also requested, and Mr. Valentino agreed, to amend claims 17 and 33 to recite a "non-transitory computer-readable medium."

Respectfully submitted,

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